

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 13, 2018

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Council Members were present with the exception of Councilwoman Strong and Councilman Van Stee. Town Attorney, Mr. Jay Neal was also present. Also present were: Capt. Wes Dellinger and Dep. Robert Taylor from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, Ms. Mary Beth Foltz and Mr. Ronald Ross, Town Maintenance Supervisor.

Ms. Mary Beth Foltz from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) spoke about the SEAC and asked Mr. Harshman to read a Resolution Establishing April 2018 as National Autism Awareness Month. Mr. Harshman read the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to approve the Resolution Establishing April 2018 as National Autism Awareness Month. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman called attention to the EEMA report and to Mr. Ross's report. Mr. Harshman reported that the WTP has been running normally with the added need for more cleanings because of turbidity. The Town made it through February this year without a major water issue like many years in the past.

Mr. Harshman reported that Patterson Construction completed the repairs to the RBC at the end of February. The original crane that was brought in could not lift the RBC and a much larger one had to be brought in. The RBC is still off-line until the bug growth is adequate to start processing again. Mr. Ross will be going to Middletown tomorrow to get 50 pounds of sludge to put in the RBC.

Mr. Harshman reported that there continue to be problems meeting BOD testing with only one RBC operating, and Mr. Ross is still pumping out the chlorine contact tank at the WWTP every week, which allows the Town to stay in compliance on e-coli.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town is having problems at the Massanutten View Pumping Station again. There continue to be electrical issues as well as a problem with getting one of the pumps to seal properly, but the parts are obsolete and are no longer available.

Mr. Harshman reported last month that the old generator had been removed from the WWTP. The new concrete base for the replacement unit has been placed and the Town is waiting on the Power Connection to bring the unit. The portable generator is still on site to cover the Plant if needed.

The Street Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that as part of the budget this year, he is planning on having the Maintenance Department take an inventory of existing signs and their condition, with the hope that a number of faded and damaged signs can be replaced.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that he has started working on the Budget.

The Property Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that a winch for the rescue tripod needed to be purchased at a cost of \$1,884.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report.

The Insurance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town received a medallion for participating in the VML 2017 “Where the Rubber Meets the Road” campaign.

Capt. Wes Dellinger provided the Council with a “Calls for Service” report for February 2018.

Mr. Harshman provided the Council with the minutes from the February Tourism Council meeting.

Mr. Harshman reported that attendance at the Visitor Center and Museum was up 13% from last February. Mr. Harshman is currently working on a “Butchering in the Valley” Exhibit that he hopes to have completed soon. The Museum Shop has also been given a large and elaborate dollhouse to exhibit and hopefully sell.

Mr. Harshman reported that work has begun again on the Rain Garden that was installed last year along Stony Creek. Work will involve rerouting the downspouts coming from the Mill again to direct more flow to the main part of the Garden. There is also talk with Friends of the North Fork to work on a public space further back on the property to hopefully shift the ducks away from the Rain Garden area. Mr. Harshman reported that the thought is, if an attractive area can be made for visitors with access to the creek, they will start feeding the ducks away from the Rain Garden.

Mr. Harshman reported that the first meeting of Growing Area Values Expanding Leadership (GAVEL), which included Mayors from Mt. Jackson, Woodstock and Strasburg went well with a number of projects discussed by each town. Mr. Harshman stated that it is always interesting to hear how others are handling the problems that come up in all of the small towns. The GAVEL group will be meeting quarterly.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town and County Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 4th in Toms Brook. The County has scheduled a Joint Board and Planning Commission meeting for the same evening, so there won't be much County participation.

Mr. Harshman reported that there will be a meeting next Tuesday prior to the Tourism Council meeting with representatives of the Virginia Tourism Corporation to talk about Tourism Zones.

Mr. Harshman also reported that on Tuesday, March 20th, Farmers and Merchants Bank here in Edinburg will be hosting the County Chamber's After Hours event at 5:30 p.m. The Town is a chamber member and the Bank would appreciate having as many of the Town Council in attendance as possible.

There was no ARB meeting this month.

The Planning Commission did not meet last month.

The Zoning Administrator's report showed that three zoning permits were issued:

1. George V. Irvin
216 Shenandoah Avenue
Addition to garage
2. Harris and Barbara Thompson
225 Taylortown Road
Garage addition to house w/breezeway
3. John and Anne Parks
203 S. Main Street
Window replacement

Mr. Neal reported that the Court Order to appoint Ms. Jennifer Wages to the Board of Zoning Appeals has been at the Circuit Court for three months, but it was put in a drawer and no one knew about it. Mr. Neal stated that Ms. Wages would need to get sworn in for the current term and then again for the new term.

Mr. Harshman asked the Council if they were okay with the new brand for the Town that was presented at the last meeting. The Council stated that they were okay with it and to go ahead and move forward.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the re-appointment of Ms. Jennifer Wages to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy to go into closed session to discuss contract matters as permitted by § 2.2-3705.1 (12). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to go back into regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy that the only thing discussed in the closed session were contract matters, as permitted by § 2.2-3705.1 (12). Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee – absent, Dellinger – aye, Beachy – aye, Wymer-Hollar – aye, Strong – absent, Wood – aye, Harshman – aye.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Embrey, Town Clerk